

The Council re-assembled at the Council Chamber, Fort St. George, at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, the 23rd day of March 1921, the Hon'ble Diwan Bahadur Sir P. RAJAGOPALA ACHARIYAR, K.C.S.I., C.I.E., President, presiding.

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

[*Order made by the President of the Madras Legislative Council under Standing Order No. 15.*]

(1) Printed copies of the questions and answers to be put and given at a meeting of the Council shall be placed on the Council table an hour before the President takes his seat.

(2) The questions shall be put and answered in the following manner :—

The Secretary shall call the name of each interpellator in alphabetical order, specify the serial numbers of his questions, and make a sufficient pause to allow him or any other member a reasonable opportunity of rising in his place if he is desirous of asking a supplementary question. Supplementary questions must be put immediately after the principal questions to which they relate.]

Fish-curing yards in the Presidency.

481 Q.—Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD: To ask the Hon'ble the Minister for Development to mention—

(a) at what places in this Presidency the fish-curing yards have been opened; and

(b) if they are successful, whether steps will be taken to investigate if such yards may be established on the Masulipatam coast.

A.—(a) Fish-curing yards are opened wherever there is a sufficient demand for them on behalf of the fishing community.

(b) There already exists one fish-curing yard at Mogalturru in the Kistna district.

Mr. S. R. Y. ANKINEDU PRASAD:—"With regard to my question as to the places in this Presidency at which the fish-curing yards have been opened, the answer given is somewhat ambiguous. I want to know specifically at what places the fish-curing yards have been actually opened."

The Hon'ble Rai Bahadur K. VENKATA REDDI NAYUDU:—"A list will be supplied to the Honourable Member."

Applications under sections 92 and 114 of the Madras Estates Land Act I of 1908.

482 Q.—Sri M. V. APPARAO Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue—

(a) if subordinate Revenue officers are required to submit any returns to show the disposal of applications made under sections 92 and 114 of the Madras Estates Land Act I of 1908 for the sale of movable property and holdings distrained for the recovery of arrears due to the landholder in cases where no suit is filed contesting the distraint or sale; and

(b) whether the Government cannot issue orders for prompt disposal, taking into consideration the delay that is now made.

A.—No special return to show separately the disposal of applications under sections 92 and 114 has been prescribed. Annual and half-yearly returns are submitted showing the receipt and disposal of applications of all kinds under the Act and the necessary orders are issued wherever disposal is found to be unsatisfactory.

Zamindari work.

483 Q.—Sri M. V. APPARAO Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue whether the Government have received any complaints from the zamindars in respect to the indifference of the village officers to do the zamindari work; if so, what steps have been taken by the Government to remedy the evil.

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A.—Some representations have been received from zamindars on the subject. Section 16 of Madras Act II of 1894 provides for the punishment of village officers for misconduct or neglect of duty.

Power to zamindars of fining village officers.

484 Q.—Sri M. V. APPA RAO Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Member for Revenue—

(a) to state the number of the zamindars of this Presidency that have been entrusted with the powers of fining village officers; and

(b) whether it is the intention of the Government to extend such powers to other zamindars.

A.—(a) One hundred and twelve.

(b) The authority to confer on proprietors power to fine village officers under section 16 (1) of the Madras Proprietary Village Service Act, 1894, is vested in the Board of Revenue. The Board will doubtless consider applications from individual proprietors.

Mr. Yaqub Hasan's imprisonment.

485 Q.—C. V. S. NARASIMHA RAJU: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(a) as to whether the Government are aware that the commitment to jail of Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others has caused general dissatisfaction in this Presidency and that such dissatisfaction has found expression in numerous public meetings; and

(b) whether the Government will consider the desirability of releasing Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others immediately.

A.—The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the answers given to questions Nos. 524 and 527 put by M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu Garu and M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu respectively at the last meeting of the Legislative Council.

Imprisonment of Mr. Yaqub Hasan.

486 Q.—SAIYID MUHAMMAD PADSHA SAHIB Bahadur: To ask the Hon'ble the Home Member—

(a) whether it is a fact that the commitment to jail of Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others has caused general dissatisfaction in this Presidency and whether such dissatisfaction has found expression in numerous public meetings; and

(b) whether the Government propose to consider the desirability of releasing Mr. Yaqub Hasan and others in Malabar immediately.

A.—The attention of the Honourable Member is invited to the answers given to questions Nos. 524 and 527 put by M.R.Ry. Diwan Bahadur M. Ramachandra Rao Pantulu Garu and M.R.Ry. Rao Bahadur A. S. Krishna Rao Pantulu Garu respectively at the last meeting of the Legislative Council.

Grant of lands to the depressed classes.

487 Q.—Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU: To ask the Hon'ble the Law Member for a statement showing the extent of land granted to the depressed classes in each district in this Presidency during 1918-19, 1919-20 and 1920-21 and to place on the table the instructions given by the Government for the disposal of lands to the depressed classes.